

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE
FULL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012
8:30 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Fine, MD – Chair
Patrick C. Barry, Esq. (public member)
Robert E. Baute, MD
Steven L. Blazar, MD
Mary Reich Cooper, MD, JD
Joan A. Crawley (public member)
Helen Drew (public member)
Stephen A. Fanning, DO
James F. Griffin, DO
Gary L'Europa, MD
Elizabeth Nestor, MD
Genie Wild (public member)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

James V. McDonald, MD – Chief Administrative Officer
Bruce McIntyre, JD – Legal Counsel
Linda Julian, Board Investigator
Amy DiFilippo, Administrative Officer

Thomas Corrigan – Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Mark Brizard (public member)

1. A quorum was established at 8:40 a.m.

2. On a motion by Joan Crawley, seconded by Dr. Cooper, it was voted to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2012 Licensing Committee meeting. All were in favor; motion passed.

3. On a motion by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Dr. Baute, it was voted to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2012 Full Board Open Session meeting. All were in favor; motion passed.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report:

• Presentation given by Jenn DeBoer, Office of Minority Health, regarding Interpreter Services in Medical Offices. This presentation opened a lengthy discussion regarding the current statute. On a motion by Dr. Griffin, seconded by Dr. Cooper, it was voted to recommend that Dr. Fine speak with the Insurance Commissioner regarding reimbursement to physicians for said services. All were in favor; motion passed. In addition, a subcommittee was established to form a policy statement by the Board with regards to this issue. The subcommittee members are: Dr. Cooper, Dr. Blazar, and Helen

Drew. In the meantime, the existing statute will be posted on Health Connections.

- External resources for BMLD remediation of physicians**

Dr. McDonald discussed the Board's use of external resources relating to the remediation of physicians. Dr. McDonald recently met with Affiliated Monitors and learned of the various and extensive monitoring programs available.

- Thomas Corrigan, Esq. – withdrawn from agenda due to scheduling conflict**

4. Old Business: none

5. New Business:

- Dr. Baute spoke of an article recently released in the FSMB Newsletter regarding social media use and physicians. Dr. Baute voiced concerns whether a policy/guideline should be made by the Board for physicians who may participate in social media. This matter will be added to the agenda for further discussion at the next Full Board meeting.**

- Dr. Cooper informed the Board that she sent an article to Dr. Fine regarding the recent deaths nationwide relating to steroid injections. She voiced concerns that this current emergency is due to compounding that occurred at a pharmacy designated to perform said function. She questioned whether the Board should look at**

compounding practices in physicians' offices and discussed the possible risks associated with offices failing to be properly monitored.

- **Dr. McDonald announced an upcoming meeting of the RI Prescription Drug Abuse Collaborative for Wednesday, October 17, 2012.**

- **There was a discussion regarding the new Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) in RI and the importance for physicians to be participating in said program and being fully compliant.**

6. There being no further business, Dr. Cooper made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Dr. Baute seconded the motion; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the R.I.G.L.